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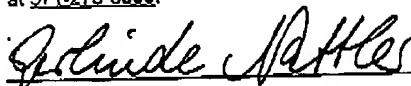
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AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

This amendment is response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 12, 2007.

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According to the Restriction Requirement, this application supposedly contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Group 1, claim(s) 1-5, 8-10 14-18 and 20-23, drawn to an apparatus and method for separating tubes utilizing an inductive sensor.

Group 2, claim(s) 1-3, 7-9, 11-17, and 19-23, drawn to an apparatus and method for separating tubes utilizing a measuring wheel.

Group 3, claim(s) 1-4, 6, 8, 9 14, 15, and 20-23, drawn to an apparatus and method for separating tubes utilizing a driver mechanically coupled to the separating device.

Applicant elects **Group I with traverse**.

Also, please, **cancel claim 6**.

A listing of claims to reflect the election starts on page 3 of this paper.